

North Brunswick Abilities Council – 2008

Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2008

Members

Anne Brady
Margaret Grisetti
Bruce Kessler *
Rhonda Lyles
Glenn Sandor
Robin Turner

Introductions

Open Discussions

The team will start to gather information for the Action Items listed below.

Action Items

1. Create a Mission Statement, Vision Statement, Committee Goals and Objectives, to be discussed with members. (Robin, All)
2. Develop web page off the main North Brunswick Township website. Does anyone know any web designers? (Rhonda, All)
3. Identify a mechanism to determine what North Brunswick citizens would benefit from the Abilities Council such as people with disabilities, paraplegics, deaf, frail, seniors, etc. Find lists. (Anne, All)
4. Contact or meet with Judy Cusumano, Director, Middlesex County Office for the Disabled (732) 745-4013 judy.cusumano@co.middlesex.nj.us (?) **needs to be discussed?**
5. Attend (if available) next Middlesex County Commission for Persons with Disabilities (All)

Wednesday, May 14, 2008
12:00 noon – 2:00pm
County Offices
5th Floor
New Brunswick

6. Coming Out Party. (All)
7. Yearly North Brunswick Disabilities Awareness Day. Gather information from Carteret's Disabilities Awareness Day as an example of what it looks like for members. (Robin, All)
8. Investigate wheelchair Securement for North Brunswick's disabled residents and seniors. (Marge, Glenn, All)
9. Operation Safe Call program allows seniors and residents with disabilities living alone to call in and speak to a representative of the police department on a daily basis. If the police do not hear from the resident within the appointed time, a call or a visit would be made to check on the resident. Utilize registration forms to enroll in the program. (Rhonda)
10. Making the lives of North Brunswick's disabled residents better through donations of medical equipment in good condition such as wheelchairs, **standing tables*, amplification phones, commodes, etc., to be given to North Brunswick needy citizens and implement plan. (All) Identify area (s) to store items. (Glenn, Bruce, All)

*(*A Standing Table is an adjustable support that allows functional alignment where a child/adults arms are free for activities, provides head support with partial weight bearing to tone muscles.)*

NEXT

***Abilities Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 21, 2008
7:00pm
Mayor's Conference Room
2nd Floor - Municipal Building***